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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VAN ZUNDERT ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the Applicants' communication filed on May 09, 2005. In virtue of this communication, claims 1-10 are currently presented in the instant application.

Quayle Action

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

2. Claims 1 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, line 6, should "and comprising" be deleted?

Claim 1, line 9, "and" should be deleted;

Claim 1, line 10, insert --and-- after "capacitor,"; and

Claim 6, line 15, insert --and-- after " Δt ".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 2-10 are also objected to as being dependent on claim 1.

3. The specification of the submitted disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

(1) The title "Circuit arrangement" should be changed to --CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT FOR OPERATING A HIGH PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMP--;

(2) Content headings should be inserted into the specification, for example, --- Field of the Invention---, - --Description of the Related Art-- (See MPEP § 608.01(c)), --- Brief Summary of the Invention-- (See MPEP § 608.01(d)) and --Detailed Description of the Invention-- (See MPEP § 608.01(g)).

4. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10 would be allowable if corrected to overcome the objections set forth above.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest:

Circuit arrangement for operating a high pressure discharge lamp comprising a commutator for commutating the DC current and comprising lamp connection terminals, characterized in that the control circuit comprises means for adjusting the reference signal S_{ref} in dependency of the amplitude of a periodical voltage that is present across the output capacitor and is caused by the commutation of the DC current, in combination with the remaining claimed limitations as claimed in independent claim 1 (claims 2-10 would be allowable as being dependent on claim 1).

Citation of Relevant Prior Art

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Prior art Greenwood et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,188,183 B1) discloses a high intensity discharge lamp ballast.

Prior art Li et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,883,473) discloses an electronic ballast with inverter protection circuit.

Prior art Capewell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,210,846) discloses an inverter circuit for energizing and dimming gas discharge lamps.

Prior art Steigerwald et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,913,002) discloses a power circuits for obtaining a high power factor electronically.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUNG X. LE whose telephone number is (571)272-6010. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas Owens can be reached on 571-272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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